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P. Marc LaFrance
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Dear Mr. LaFrance:

Pierce and Associates is supportive of the Department of Energy initiative to make available volume purchases of R-5 windows and Low-E storm windows that would help K-12 schools save energy and improve interior air comfort and quality. Saving energy is very important to schools but even more important to learning is having natural light in classrooms. Too often school districts design windows out of a building to save energy and provide more security. The more efficient and safer R-5 windows offer school districts an option that will support student achievement.

Pierce and Associates is a facility and energy consulting firm that has specialized in providing services to K-12 school districts and public organizations since 1994. They are committed to creating high performance school facilities for all children in America and support strategies like the proposed volume purchase opportunity that will increase access to energy efficiency windows for schools.

We are encouraged by the leadership shown by the Department of Energy to create a market for new energy technologies that will serve all children and families. We support the Department of Energy in these efforts.

Sincerely,

Sue Pierce, Principal
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